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BLACK BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONAL WOMEN HONOR TOM DIXON

Upendo Club and Magnificnt Brothers Jointly Sponsor Afro Queen to Expo '74

The Upendo Club along with the Magnificent Brothers will be sponsoring the Afro Queen of Tacoma, Miss Dorine Ferguson, a return trip to Spokane's Expo '74. She was presented with a check by (Upendo Club President) Lela Dacus and a second check from John Young, president of the Magnificent Brothers, another fine group of young men in Tacoma working to better the community economically, socially and culturally.

Dorine is scheduled to appear at Expo during August 8 through August 15, 1974, which is noted as Black He ritage Week. Dorine is scheduled for several singing engagements and will hopefully get a chance to perform with our world known entertainer Sammy Davis, Jr. She will also share with the Expo '74 crowd her dramatic speech, "Cover of Blackness". We are sure that Dorine's performance during Black Heritage Week will be quite noteworthy and we are indeed proud to have her represent the Tacoma, Washington area.

Dorine a recent graduate of Stadium High School will enter the University of Washington in September and will study music and criminal justice law. The family resides at 1701 North Oaks. Dorine's father is the First Sergeant of the 513 Transportation Co. at Fort Lewis.

14 Year Old Youth Wins Car

While baseball is a most exciting sport, winning a new car is an interesting experience and it was for David Bradford of 836 So. Trafton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Luther C. Bradford Jr. At Cheney Stadium Saturday the 27th of July the Tacoma Twins played the Hawaii Islanders in a game of baseball and David Bradford was there. He won the car by filling out an entry blank and they drew his na me out of the bunch. When they (called) announced his name he was not aware of it until his friend told him. When asked how he felt about winning Dave remarked, "I was surprised". David can drive now. He plans to get his permit in a few months. His parents were overwhelmed at the news. While interviewing David we learned that he will be finishing his third year at Hunt Jr. High and his hobbies are fishing, skating and slot car racing. His birthday is Oct. 20 (Libra). His future plans are to be a television camera man or to have some type of technical career. David is an honor student.

Thomas Dixon, the Executive Director of the Tacoma Urban League has recently been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Evergreen State College. He is the first Black ever to hold such a position in the state and one of the few in the country.

The Evergreen State College is four year state-supported institution in Olympia. Dixon has been a trustee to the school since February 1973 when he was appointed to the position by the governor.

Dixon has been extremely active in both local and state affairs during his thirteen years of residency here. He was one of the major organizers of the Tacoma Urban League and has been its director since 1968.

While serving 13 years in the military service, Dixon received his B.S. Degree in Sociology and Economics from Sophia University in Tokyo. After settling in Tacoma he received his M.S. Degree at the University of Puget Sound in Urban Studies.

Also concerned in international affairs and local health, Dixon helped organize and is co-chairman of the Tacoma African Drought Relief Committee and the Tacoma Ambulatory Care Center (Family Clinic). He also serves as a trustee of the Pan African Foundation for EXPO '74 and is member of several local, city, community, and private organizations.

Among the dignitaries paying homage to Dixon are to be representatives from Governor Evans Office, Olympia; Mayor Johnston, Tacoma; Jim Walton, Human Relations Office and others.

Contractors Hiring Again

Contractors were expected to begin hiring more workers this week, according to Ernie Altheimer, Minority Contractors director.

In his comments to the Model Cities Housing-Manpower Task Force, Mr. Altheimer said that anyone wanting to work should go to 955 Tacoma Ave., 956 Fawcett Ave., 1036 S. Sprague, or 1301 S. K St. to apply for a job this week. Mr. Altheimer said that his program has helped 400 people find jobs since the beginning of the program.

The Land Use Review Board endorsed the Centenial Pavilion which has been proposed to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the United States. The pavilion would be built outside of the Model Neighborhood, in the downtown area, but the city planning department asked the neighborhood board to review the plans and ma make any recommendations they wanted to mak make.

Dallas Hoopes, a LURB member, submitted his resignation which was accepted by the board. The position must be filled by Mayor Gordon Johnston with an architect or a planner. Anyone who is qual ified and would like to serve on the board, which reviews land use proposals for the Model Neighborhood, should call Richard Mason or Alonzo Foote Sr. at 593-4660.

The Land Use Review Board and Housing - Manpower Task Force will be meeting at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. The time was incorrectly reported as 6:30 p.m. last week.

Task Forces Rescheduled

The Model Cities Health-Social Services-Law and Justice and Youth-Education-Culture and Recreation Task Force meetings have been rescheduled for Aug. 13.

Since the meeting rooms were closed for cleaning, the task forces could not meet last Monday as originally scheduled. The two groups will meet at McCarver School at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 13.

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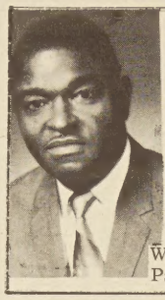

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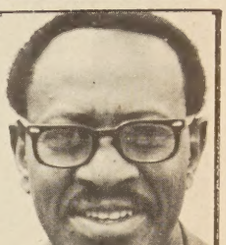

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Obituaries

Ruth A. Birge, 75, of 844 S. Trafton entered into eternal rest Sunday morning, August 4, 1974 in Tacoma, Washington at the Tacoma General Hospital, where he retired in 1966.

He was born August 7, 1898 in Saltillo, Mississippi to Tom and Mittie Birge, who preceeded him in death. He was raised and attended schools there and was baptised at the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church at an early age.

In Guntown, Mississippi he met and married his wife, the former Willie Augusta Bush. To this union was born 6 children, 3 daughters, Mrs. Mildred V. Porter of Chicago, Mrs. Mater Butler of Ft. Hicachuca, Arizona, and Mrs. Annie R. Williams of Tacoma; 3 sons all of Tacoma, Messrs Willie, James and Tom Birge.

He was an army veteran of World War I, where he served in the 70th company, 18th battery. He brought his family to Tacoma in 1958 from Baldwin, Mississippi. They joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church. His other membership affiliations include Washington Carver American Legion Post #222 and the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Other survivors whose lives he brightened during his 75 year journey on earth include 1 sister, Mrs. Onnie Lauderdale and 1 brother, Ms. Willie Birge both of Tacoma, 17 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends

Services were held 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 1974 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert H. Davis officiating, and were directed by the staff of the House of Scott Mortuary

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Ms. Ethel Lee Burney, 26, of 1414 N. 6th St. entered into eternal rest Saturday afternoon, August 3, 1974 in Tacoma, Washington. She was born January 19, 1948 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Fred and Irene Burney. She was raised in Albuquerque and moved to Tacoma 9 years ago.

She attended Stadium High and was baptised into the Church of God in Christ faith.

Surviving relatives whose lives she brightened during her 26 years in this life include her mother Mrs. Irene White of Tacoma, her father Mr. Fred Burney of Oklahoma City, 3 sisters, all of Tacoma, Misses Beverly, Yvonne and Elaine White and 3 brothers also of Tacoma, Messrs. Eugene, Andy and David White, and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 9, 1974 at the Hill Top Chapel, under the direction of the House of Scott Mortuary.

Meditation

There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.
--Edwin Markham

Letter to Editor

Black History in today's Public Schools:

Why isn't there anything said about the Blacks in the history books? The only time they really get into Black History is on Black History Week. The Black people had a lot to do with the making of America. Oh sure, they mention their names but they don't go into detail. I for one would appreciate very much to have more research and study on the past events of the Black people. I would also like to see a change in the history taught in our Public Schools. When I learn something I would like to make it worthwhile and if I were taught the complete past of the Blacks I would be a very satisfied person. I am just one person out of hundreds who wants to see a change. I'm sure a majority of Black people have interest in their past.

In the future, I hope that there will be a clear understanding of the Blacks and what they contributed in the making of America.

I hope that this information is seen by all and taken into consideration. I read "Fantastic Black Facts" by Rose Marie Johnson and I hope that others read and appreciate it also.

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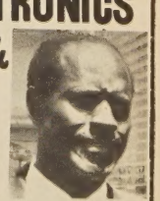

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News From the Human Rights Commission

One of the responsibilities that the new Women's Rights Division of the Commission is the education of women about their rights and advantages that they have under the law. Washington has had a revision in its credit laws and Wanda Fullner of the Association of Washington Business did an educational briefing for the division and the Women's Rights Task Force.

She enumerated the practices which may be challenged under the new law. These include:

1) Using designations like "Mr./Mrs./Ms." or "Husband/Wife" on credit application forms.
2) Refusing a married woman credit in her own name.
3) Refusing to negotiate credit with the wife and insisting on dealing with the husband.
4) Requiring a married woman to return her credit card and reapply in her husband's name.
5) Requiring a divorced or widowed woman to pay a deposit to continue services such as telephone or utilities merely because of her sex or marital status.
6) Canceling a person's credit merely because of marriage or divorce.
7) Refusing to consider a woman's credit history while single or married.
8) Automatically discounting the wife's salary in part or in full when determining qualifications for a loan.
9) Filing all debts only in the husband's folder at time of divorce if the wife is also liable for them.
10) Requiring a father's signature for a single woman and a husband's signature for a married woman, particularly where such cosignatures are not required of men.

These are but a few of the examples of discriminatory acts which the division is concerned in letting the public know. Judie Fortier, the division supervisor or Jane Sebille, field representative will entertain any questions or requests to do a talk on women's rights in the field of credit. Both can be contacted at the Human Relations Commission, 593-4334.

Dear Tac Vac

by Ted Jefferson

Q--I am a Vietnam veteran. Can I get a business loan through VA?

A--No.

Q--I spent three years on military service and was honorably discharged six weeks ago. Am I eligible for a business loan from the VA?

A--VA's authority to make business loans is limited to those who served before Jan. 31, 1955. However, business loans are available to veterans from the Small Business Administration. A local or regional SBA office will help you, or write directly to the Washington headquarters, 1441 L St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20416.

Q--Will the Veterans Administration extend a GI Bill home loan to a Korean War veteran, who intends to use the money to satisfy back taxes on his property?

A--Yes. As long as you own and occupy the property as a home, the VA may grant you a GI Bill loan for this purpose.

Address all questions concerning veterans to: Tacoma Veterans Action Center, 1301 South "K" St. or 4601 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington or TEL: 383-4008 or 474-4005.

Shooting of Black Man to be Probed

(Seattle) - The shooting of a black man by an off duty police officer two and one half weeks ago in Yakima will be investigated by the Washington State Human Rights Commission. The man, Raymond Frazier, 26, was shot in the hip by Yakima City Police Officer Ron Wilson while Frazier was leaving the Yakima-Eastgate Super Duper Food Store. Wilson works at the store as a security guard during off duty hours.

Frazier was shot, it is claimed, as he was fleeing the store as a shoplifting suspect. The incident has lead to picketing of the store by concerned citizens.

Thurman E. Edmondson, the Commission's Acting Executive Secretary, said that his agency already had pending, before the shooting incident, complaints of abuse of minority race patrons by Super Duper employees. The complaints charge mistreatment of minorities by falsely accusing them of shoplifting.

"We do not have enough evidence to determine whether the complaints of racial discrimination are true or not or whether the officer acted improperly," Edmondson commented, "but we intend to conduct an impartial investigation in order that we may find out."

Edmondson said that the Commission will hold an investigative hearing on the shooting incident and other discrimination allegations against the store sometime before the end of the month. He said that he has met with Yakima Mayor Bert Broad and others on the matter and has concluded that the Commission should be the agency responsible for conducting the "fair inquiry into the facts of the problem."

The Commission's hearing, said Edmondson, will allow for presentations from all sides of the issue. The human rights body is responsible for enforcing the state's laws against discrimination.

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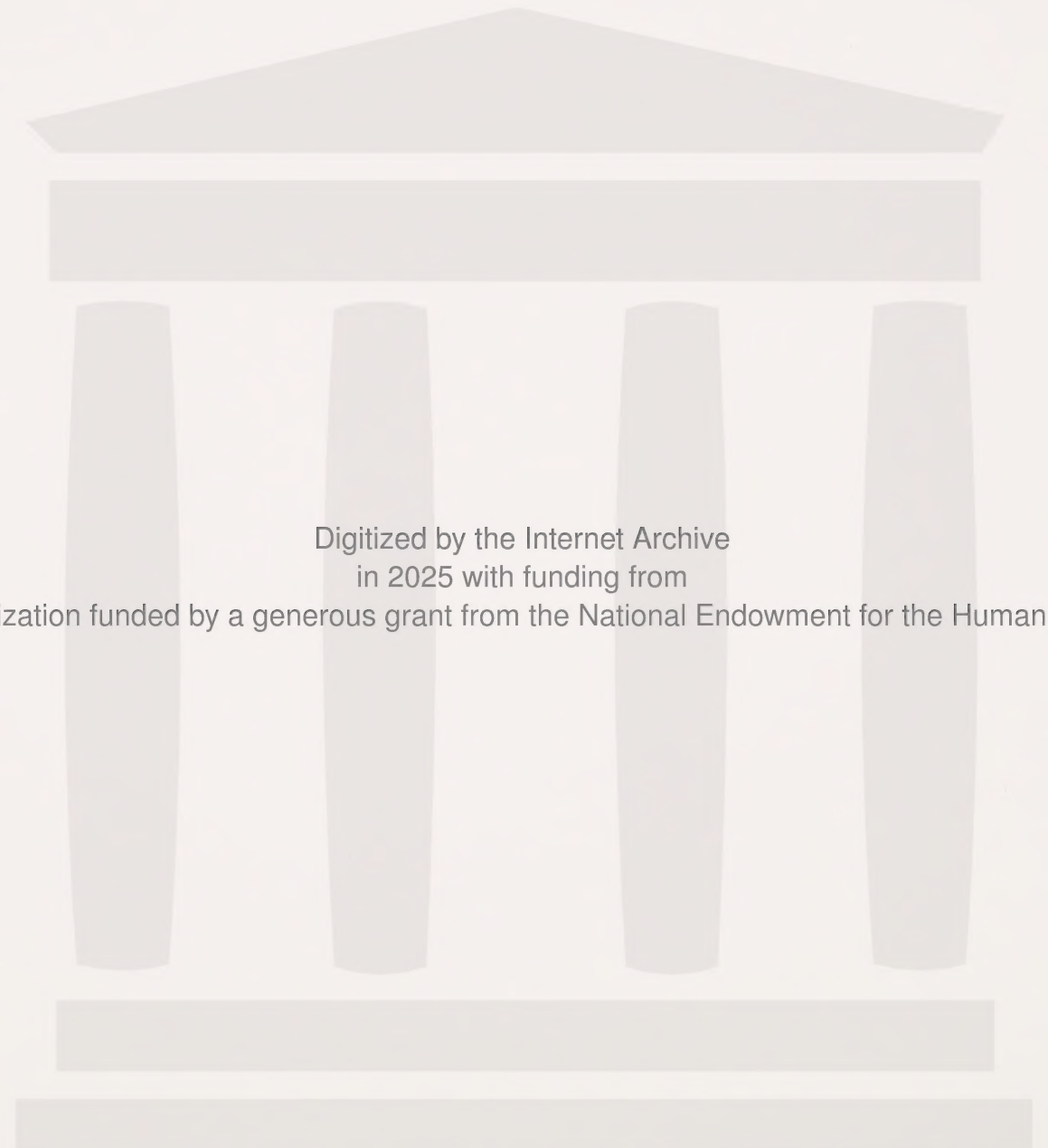
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Black Culture Showcased On a World Stage - A First For The Afro - American Pavilion at Expo

Spokane, Wash.--The Afro-American Pavilion, at the Expo '74 World's Fair, presents the first comprehensive display of the history and culture of the Black American on a world stage.

The Pavilion depicts where the Black American has been, his accomplishments and his contributions to the culture of this nation and its environmental condition. This is depicted in three sections. The first section, the "Heritage Tunnel", traces in multi-media form, the historical passage of blacks from pre-slave times through the present. Using pictures, slides, movies, charts, and music, the Tunnel instills in the visitor a sense of the black experience. The Program was written by Lisbeth Gant, West Coast Editor of "Essence" Magazine. Tom McIntosh composed the original musical score for the Tunnel. Vik-Winkle Productions, Inc., Los Angeles, developed the multi-media show.

The visitor leaves the Tunnel and enters the main area. Here, prominent Black Americans are represented in large scale wall paintings. This area also serves as an auditorium for special programs conducted by the Pavilion.

An art gallery featuring work by contemporary black artists occupies the balcony. The art work was co-ordinated by Ed Taylor, Director of the Harlem Cultural Council, New York.

The need for the pavilion was firmly supported by Frank H. Russell; Garcia Massingale, Treasurer of the Pan-African Foundation; and Warren Marr, II, Honorary National Chairman of the Pan-African Foundation and Assistant Editor of the N.A.A.C.P. 'Crisis' Magazine. That was three ye ars ago.

Since then, they have received much help from many quarters, translat ing their dream into reality.

One of the most significant persons in the development of the Pavilion is Washington State Senator George Fleming. With his help, th e Pan-African Foundation was able to secure a $200 thousand grant from the State of Washington to build the Pavilion. This fund was matched by contributions from organizations and individuals including the Washington, D. C. Afro-American Bicentennial Corporation, Friends of Amistad, the presidents of Eastern Washington State College (EWSC) and Washington State Univers ity (WSU), the Black Studies Departments of EWSC, WSU, and Por tland State University, and the Afro-American Publishing Company. The work of the Pavilion did not stop with the finishing of its construction, however. Plans are under way for an Afro-American Heritage Festival to be held at the Expo '74 World's Fair on August 9, 10, 11, 1974.

THE FIRST PRESENTATION of the black experience on a world's stage, the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane, Wa. operates on a budget of $500 thousand.

Expo '74--A Special Feature from THE FACTS

AS A SERVICE TO THOSE OF YOU PLANNING A VACATION TRIP TO SPOKANE'S EXPO '74 IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE FACTS PRESENTS A BRIEF PREVIEW OF SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN EXPECT TO FIND AT THE AFRO-AMERICAN PAVILION.

Black Female Artists on Display at Expo Pavilion

THE SMILING GIRL GUIDES of the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane greet more than 3,000 visitors a day.

Black art congers many visions in the viewers eyes. Some of those vi sions are the result of the work of two black artists who are women, Camille Billops and Mikelle Fletcher.

Works by both of these contemporary artists are part of the new art display at the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74.

"The works of these black women artists enlarge the scope of black art and present unique images of the black experience," Frank H. Russell, pavilion director, said.

Mikelle Fletcher, an art student at Washington State University, has two of her paintings hanging in the art gallery at the pavilion.

Both paintings, "Biribri WoWo" and "NZingo" are heavily symbolic and stress the African heritage of the Black American, according to Russell.

In "Biribri WoWo" the viewer is presented with the images of a young black man and a child defiantly asserting their claim to independence and growth.

The title of the painting is taken from an Ashanti proverb, "If there is a god in the heavens above let him reach me." The idea for the painting came from a Moazmbique liberation poster, according to Mikelle Fletcher.

The s econd painting, "NZingo", is a portrait of a young black woman. The title is Swahili for 'beautiful one', according to Fletcher.

"Both works were done in intaglio," said Fletcher.

This technique uses a blank metal plate instead of a canvas. A protecti ve greasy surface surface is smeared on the plate. Then, a fine-p oint etching pencil is used to draw on it, according to Fletcher.

"When the artist has completed the drawing, the metal plate is immersed in an acid bath which eats into the plate where the etching has been done," Fletcher said.

Prints can then be made from the plate.

Camille Billops, a teacher at New York Community College in New York City, stresses social comment in her work, as can be seen in her "Baby Jesus".

The work is a combination of both sculpture and painting. In an empt y cradle the image of a black man surrounded by women of every race suggests the desire of all women to own Christ, according to Russell, pavilion director.

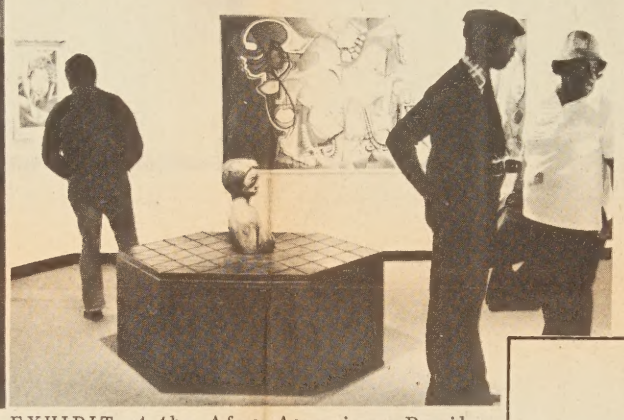
The work is executed in plaster and oils.

"These two black women do not represent the full spectrum of black art as done by women but they give a good introduction to it," Russell said.

Their works can be seen, along with the rest of the new collection, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily at the Afro-American Pavil- n until August 9 when a new show will be presented.

GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE JULIEN BOND, left, an early visitor to the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane, Wa. talks with Petr Spurney, general manager of Expo while Frank H. Russell, pavilion director looks on.

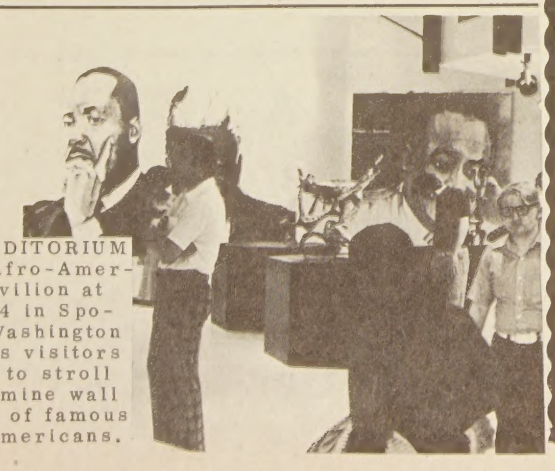
Art Show at Pavilion Traces Development of Black Art in America



THE ART EXHIBIT at the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane, Wa. is a popular attraction for fair-goers.

The new art show at the Afro-American Pavilion at the Expo '74 World's Fair in Spokane, Wash. traces the development of Black A merican artists from the early Henry Ossawa Tanner to the modern Frank Hayden.

READY TO GREET VISITORS to the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane, Wa. are, from left, Frank H. Russell, pavilion director; Mrs. and Washington State Senator George Fleming; and Garcia Massingale, treasurer of the Pan-African Foundation, sponsors of the pavilion.



THE AUDITORIUM of the Afro-American Pavilion at Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington provides visitors a place to stroll and examine wall plaques of famous black Americans.

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THE FACTS—ENTERTAINMENT

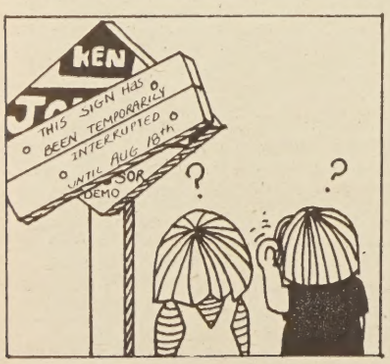
Boogie Down Tacoma

by Spencer L. Sears

Well! Well! The "Sophisticated Five" put together a power packing good time Sunday. People were really having fun, and they never stop saying how nice or how good it was. Look out TACOMA, there's more to come. Right on to the "Sophisticated Five". "Masterpiece" sounds just like their name, MASTER PIECE! "Tee McGee" was super bad this last weekend. "Magnum" was the star band at the Musician's Picnic, Sunday, at the Single Tree Ranch. The Malcolm X Carnival had a big crowd on Saturday. "Jonah's Whale" is back from Moses Lake. "Master Piece" will be back at the Esquire Restaurant for three big more weeks. Check this out! Starting Thursday from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. the Dining Room will be open, and Fridays and Saturday from 11:00 to 4:00 a.m. to serve you breakfast. Caballeros will feature "Tee McGee and the Rapid Pulsations", big brother King Arthur Noles, foxee fine sister Sherry Lewis, bro. W.C. Jones and bass player brother Welch will definitely lift the roof from the building, so LOOK OUT! "Wild man" Ron Thomas of KYAC presents "Mid-Nite Special", for the first time in Tacoma, the "Wild man" is going to bring something NEW! "The Mid-Nite Special", all on one stage: "Jonah's Whale", "360 Degrees", "The Essence Singing Group", and Che Che Tacoma's D.J. Doors open at 10:00 p.m. Females two for one until 11:00 p.m. Donations at the door $2.50 per person, $4.00 per couple. Don't miss the "Mid-Nite Special". This is a Northwest Consultant Production. August 25, 1974 Hilltop Jaycees Wives Club presents the Che Che and his guest band at the Rodeway Inn. Come out and have a dynamite good time on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of this month. Che Che will be doing a street dance at the Malcolm X Center, see you there.

For Gospel Lovers, please check out Sister Pat Wright on KYAC, Sunday Mornings.

I will have further information in my next column. You can bet your last money there is something going for you and you keep reading THE FACTS and stay informed.



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Fantastic Black Facts

by Rose Marie Johnson

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Marie D. Gadsden was born in Douglas, Georgia in 1919, and was an expert in teaching English as a foreign language. She attended Georgia State College in Savannah and received a B.S. in Science Education. She later received an M.A. in English at Atlanta University and a Ph.D. in English at the University of Wisconsin. She also attended St. Anne's College, Oxford, England, as a Fulbright scholar for two years. Mrs. Gadsden, married to a cartographer in the Department of Defence's Air Force Branch, has taught at all levels. She has taught speech, drama, and English as a foreign language. She was with the American language center at American University in Washington, D.C. for three years, also taught at the defence language institute of Georgetown University. She served for two years as the first English language specialist and English program director for the United States Information Service program in Conakry, Guinee. In 1964, Sargent Shriver appointed her as a Training Officer for the Peace Corps' West Africa Region. She was later promoted to Regional director of English and French programs for West Africa, and later supervised English teaching components for all Peace Corps programs. Mrs. Gadsden left the U.S. in 1965 under contract to Columbia University Teachers College, serving as Overseas Representative to the Peace Corps teachers in Kenya and Uganda. Mrs. Gadsden is the author of The Aesthetic of John Addington Symonds, her doctorate thesis at Wisconsin. A bridge player, Mrs. Gadsden plays the game because she likes "the mathematical probabilities" it presents. She is also "theatre struck" and fond of gardening.

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THE FACTS—SPORTS SCENE

Sports Record Book

by Brian Jaybush

Pak is Back, But Is Pack?

It wasn't all that long ago that a loud cry rose in the throats of football fans all over the nation: "The Pack is Back!" They referred, of course, to the Green Bay Packers, that wonder team of giants from Green Bay, Wisconsin (where?) that at one time was the greatest football team in the world and, under the direction of the late, great Vince Lombardi, won the first two Super Bowls (1965-66) by convincingly crushing the upstart representatives from the then American Football League.

But that's almost 10 years ago now, and since those glory days of 1966 the Pack hasn't been up to too much. Oh, they've won a lot of games; but championships of any kind, let alone Super Bowl titles, have eluded them by a long way.

Even a couple of seasons ago when everyone thought the Pack was Back, it wasn't back, it just wasn't as far away as it had been.

And now we have something called an NFL players strike. What that means is all the veterans are letting the rookies have a longer try-out period than they usually get. And where does that leave the Pack? Or the rest of the NFL, for that matter?

Well, after one year, these rookies that are now playing would all be veterans. A lot of them would have made names for themselves by their play during the season. And after a year, maybe the fans wouldn't miss the vets that much after all--because for the first time in years, every team in the league would be starting out on even footing, with nobody having any idea which team has the best chance at the championship. It could be the most exciting race in the recent history of the NFL.

Meanwhile, the Pack's local namesake--the Pak--is not only back, it never left. The folks at Pay n' Pak aren't the only ones who are proud of their driver George Henley and his orange and white whizz-boat; owner Dave Heerensperger isn't the happiest man in Seattle, even if the Gold Cup came as a wedding present for him, he having been married last Saturday, the day before the Seafair race.

No, the whole city is proud and happy that the local boys made good. Particularly after the shabby way the race was run at its new home at Sand Point--the turbine U-95 sinking and the Miss U.S. burning to the water line because adequate safety precautions weren't made. But through all that disaster, the Pride of Pay n' Pak, showing everyone why its proudly worn Unlimited number is U-1, simply outclassed the course and all the other boats by starting four heats, finishing all four in first place, and adding a whopping 1600 points to its national point championship lead.

The Pak's arch-rival Budweiser, meanwhile, managed to finish those same four races sniffing at the Pak's tail, for 1200 points; that builds the Pak's lead over the Bud to more than 1200 so far this year. It's also the fourth race the Pak has won, as compared to two for the Bud, this in six starts for each.

So maybe the Pack is back, with rookies like all other NFL teams; and the Pak is surely here to stay. Maybe we should be almost as happy about the first as we definitely are about the latter.

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American Jewish Society For Service Participates Summer Volunteer Program

Clean-up; repair and paint------ This is a typical scene involving volunteers of Amer. Jewish Soc. for Serv. Bruce Garber, Vista volunteer is 2nd from left.

The Tacoma Urban League invited the American Jewish Society for Service as part of its Summer Volunteer Program. All volunteers ranging in ages 15-18 yrs. paid $800.00 each to come here and donate their summer. Their professional work supervisors, skilled in the area of their work have done a tremendous job. The young people and their supervisors are from the New York Metropolitan area. They spent their entire time repairing and painting houses in the Hilltop area for Senior Citizens of low-income. They spent 3 weeks at Hawthorne School, East 28th St. Other people helped were the handicapped, single mothers--heads of households. All materials have been donated

Among the sponsors of this very worhwhile project were MDC; Tacoma Housing Authority; the National Guard and School District. The Business Community furnished much of the material. The project scheduled for July 1 to August 17th has as its Project Co-ordinator, Bruce M. Garber, a Vista volunteer said, "I hope that this project will cause a ripple effect in Tacoma. Hopefully, people will become more concerned with their community." Garber said the community had come together for a common goal--All different groups had united to make Tacoma a better place in which to live. The 16 volunteers are housed at Jason Lee Jr. High School.

Homeowners Responding to Property Evaluation System

Ken Johnston, Pierce County Assessor was pleased to announce over a 10% return during the first week of the Taxpayer Assisted Property Evaluation System's practical testing - most by return mail.

"We are really happy with the response so far," said Johnston. "Homeowners are working with us as we'd hoped, and the care they've taken with the inquiry is evident."

The first T.A.P.E.S. inquiries were sent to Peninsula area homeowners July 22nd. The Assessor's Office will mail 400-500 inquiries per week until all Peninsula property owners have been contacted.

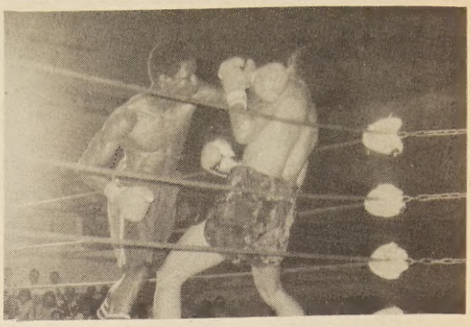
"Homeowners seem to be having few problems with the form itself," stated Johnston, "and in areas of special taxation, such as Open Space Lands or Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief, they apparently have understood that the value we've placed on the property is the market value, and they've just added a note that the property is with a special program."

"The returns are very complete on corrected data also," Johnston said, "and we will have the chance to confer with the homeowner about that information during the back-up part of the program. They have already shown us that some of our information is out-of-date. In a couple of cases, an Appraiser had apparently just looked at the outside of the home and assumed it was complete inside. Information the homeowners have given us has shown that in some cases, what had perhaps looked looked like a home was a cabin with no water, no plumbing and so on. We will have an excellent opportunity to go over these changes with the homeowner during the back-up interviews in the area."

"It is of course too soon to say the T.A.P.E.S. Program is an unqualified success, but it looks very good to us right now. We based the program on the premise that homeowners knew more about their own property than anyone else, and it's proving true. We also believe that the homeowners responding are realizing the tremendous advantage of being able to look over our information before it goes on the rolls."

"When the T.A.P.E.S. Program is passed by the Legislature for actual use, we will see quite a change in the appraisal system. People want a say in their government, and they certainly are proving that they are perfectly capable of handling the responsibility of correcting and confirming data on their own property," concluded Johnston.

Sugar Ray KO's Love for 21st Straight Win



by D. Burden

Sugar Ray Seales employed his unique left-handed boxing style and kept his opponent David Love at bay for 11 rounds before knocking him out in the 12th round at the University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse Tuesday night.

1,338 partisans paid $7,288 to see Seales successfully defend his Pacific Northwest Middleweight Championship against Love, who entered the fight rated the 7th best middleweight in the country. The San Diego fighter, who is managed by the famed Dundee family was unable to penetrate Sugar Ray's defenses until the 11th round and some ringside observers felt Ray was out of steam, but the Sugarman finished the round strong and came out in the 12th and final round to knock Love down twice before the attending physician stopped the fight because it was clear Love was a beaten fighter and unable to continue.

Sugar Ray predicted the fight would be over by the 5th round, but the game Californian withstood a barrage of punches before the 12th round KO. Seales had convincingly won every round of the fight.

Ray was visibly tired after the fight and looking forward to August 30th, when he is scheduled to meet Marvin Hagler in Boston, Mass., in a bout to be televised to the greater Boston area.

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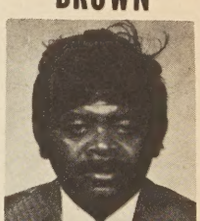
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